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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of one (1) month to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Final Office Action mailed December 15, 2003 from March 15, 2004, up to and including April 15, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, an extension fee of \$55.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 20200/2092. A duplicate transmittal letter is submitted herewith for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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